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SUBJECT: SECOND MID-AMERICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT MISSION (MATIM)

REF: STATE 70428 AND STATE 30339

SUMMARY: STAFF LIMITATIONS AND PRESS OF OTHER OFFICIAL
BUSINESS DICTATE THAT EMBASSY IS NOT ABLE TO ACT AS ADVANCE
MAN FOR MATIM II. BRIGGS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT IF HE HOPES
TO SALVAGE ANYTHING FROM THIS MISSION HE WILL NEED AN ADVANCE
MAN IN RIYADH AND JIDDA BEFORE MISSION ARRIVES. EMD SUMMARY

1. DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO MID-AMERICA TRADE AND
INVESTMENT MISSION, THAT EMBASSY IS NOT PREPARED TO ACT AS
ADVANCE MAN FOR MISSION. DURING HIS TRIP THROUGH SAUDI
ARABIA, ADVANCE MAN BRIGGS DID NOT BRIEF THIS EMBASSY
ON HIS PLANS AND, IN A HOTEL LOBBY MEETING, STATED THAT
HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT CALL ON EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE.
HE STATED HE UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY THE LIMITATIONS OF
TIME AND STAFFING WHICH WE FACE. DURING PREVIOUS MID-
AMERICA MISSION WE DID INDEED FIND OURSELVES DOING MOST
OF THE WORK WHICH THE ADVANCE MAN SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE
OF. WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

2. EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH EITHER
AMBASSADOR OR DCM, AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, DEPENDING ON
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LOCATION OF THOSE OFFICERS ON DATES OF MISSION VISIT.

WE CANNOT CONFIRM AT THIS TIME THAT ECON COUNSELOR WILL BE IN RIYADH ON APRIL 15. WE WILL PASS ON BRIGGS' REQUEST TO DR. MAHSOUN JALAL, BUT PAST EXPERIENCE MAKES US VERY SCEPTICAL THAT MUCH WILL RESULT WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF AN ADVANCE MAN. EMBASSY CANNOT MAKE FURTHER APPOINTMENTS IN JIDDA. HASAN KABIR, ALONG WITH ENTIRE COMMERCIAL STAFF, WILL BE COMPLETELY TIED UP WITH OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT MISSION FROM APRIL 6 TO APRIL 17. WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE HAPPY TO RENDER THE SAME ASSISTANCE WE WOULD GIVE TO ANY BUSINESS VISITOR IN JIDDA.

3. WE ASSUME THAT MISSION IS IN SOME WAY HANDLING HOTEL RESERVATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, ETC. WE WOULD REMIND THEM, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS WELL-NIGH IMPOSSIBLE TO GET RESERVATIONS AT THIS STAGE, AND WE CAN CERTAINLY NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE SAME IN VIEW OF OUR OFFICIAL COMMITMENTS DURING TIME OF MATIM VISIT. WE CAN ALSO PROVIDE NO ASSISTANCE FOR BAGGAGE CLEARANCE, ETC.

4. IN CASE THE ABOVE DOES NOT MAKE THE SITUATION CLEAR, WE BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY UNADVISABLE FOR THIS MISSION TO ARRIVE WITHOUT BEING PRECEDED BY AN ADVANCE MAN. CHANCES THAT ANY HIGH LEVEL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE OBTAINED, THAT MEANINGFUL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AND THAT A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF U.S. BUSINESS WILL BE LEFT WITH THE SAUDIS ARE MINIMAL. IN FACT, ALTHOUGH THIS MISSION WAS ORIGINALLY TOUTED AS A "FINANCIAL" MISSION WITH NEW IDEAS, WE NOTE IT NOW HAS FORMAT AND MAKEUP OF SAME KIND OF BUSINESSMEN ON "ORIENTATION" TRIPS THAT WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING. THIS ADDS TO OUR RELUCTANCE TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD AND SHOULD EASILY BE CARRIED OUT BY ADVANCE MAN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM BRIGGS OF SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE.
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